## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 592 By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the administration, faculty and students of Newport Grammar School on the celebration of 100 years of service to the community.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help those educational institutions that celebrate significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, in 1897 the city of Newport erected a new elementary school, and since that fateful year Newport Grammar School has been nurturing and improving the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, Newport Grammar School was built on a parcel of property at College Street overlooking the city of Newport; the original school had eight classrooms serving both elementary and high school students. These eight rooms are still some of the many in use today making the Newport Grammar School the oldest continuously used school building in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the present school has 37 classrooms and 765 students that attend the grammar school ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade. Newport Grammar School's success stems from their mission statement that says they are committed to "helping them to achieve their highest potential through a complete, progressive and flexible curriculum which is within a structured and nurturing environment"; and

WHEREAS, as a result the commitment exhibited at the grammar school many of the alumni have become well-known personalities at the local, regional, and national levels and

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their graduates have made countless contributions to Newport, to Tennessee and the nation; and

WHEREAS, as the Newport Grammar School observes its first century of service, plans are already underway for expansion which will include renovation of the existing building and a possible new building on campus or at another location in the city; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate principal Steven M. Ball, the administration, faculty and students of Newport Grammar School as they celebrate the school's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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